

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
Tuesday, 2 October 2018  
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Pamela Meister, Dianne Schaefer, and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes from September 2018. Approved with edits.
3. Communications Received:
  - a. Letter of concern received regarding plans for Arlington High School renovation.
  - b. Historic House Marker replacement requests for 33 Gray Street (Ralph N. Smith House 1902) and the Warren A Peirce House 1890.
  - c. Message from homeowners at 38-40 Newcomb Street to replace balconies at the back of the house with like for like materials and design.
  - d. Message from Bob Annese regarding plans for addition to 17 Brantwood Road.
  - e. Message from Mike Grossman to discuss plans for property at 90 Brantwood Road. The house is on the market and he is considering purchasing it, but wants to get feedback about proposed changes to the property.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
  - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Nothing to report.
  - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Tuesday, October 30, 2018. Habitat Wildlife Sanctuary & Its Connection to Arlington with Janet Ford and Lolly Bennett. A century ago Arlingtonian Ruth Hornblower moved as a bride to her new home on 84 acres in Belmont whose legacy is a Massachusetts Audubon Society environmental education site---discover its history!
  - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Chair Robinson reported on Irving Street discussion.
  - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Preliminary applications submitted including plans for Town Hall Garden and proposal for restoration of walls and artifacts in Old Burying Ground.
  - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) – Nothing to report.

Historical Commission FY 2019 Budget- Nothing to report.

5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
  - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
  - b. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
  - c. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
  - d. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
  - e. 12 Schouler Court 11/17 1 year-demolition delay.
  - f. 418 Massachusetts Avenue 11/17- Stange- No report.

- g. 65 Hillside Avenue 1/18- Robinson- Nothing to report.
- h. 99 Claremont Avenue 2/18-Guthrie- Porch work to finish.
- i. 36 Draper Avenue 4/18- Schaefer- Barn is down and will preserve.
- j. 96 Jason Street - 5/18- Schaefer- Almost complete.
- k. 32 Kensington Road -5/18- Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- l. Old Schwamb Mill 6/18-Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- m. 81 Hillside Avenue- 9/18-Stange- No report.

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings)- Notify John Flood regarding loose boards on ramp and poor condition of fence.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson –No report.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers: House Markers ordered for 33 Gray Street and Warren A. Peirce House.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – No report.

7. Discussion and Hearings:

**8:00pm Discussion:** Mike Grossman and Molly Jacobson who are considering the purchase of 90 Brantwood Road. Discussed plans and ideas for changes to the house. Considering enclosing porch. The Commission commented on the significance of this feature of the house.

**8:20pm Discussion:** John Worden, Sean Harrington, Elizabeth Terry, Ronald Alex and Patricia Worden regarding the reconstruction plans for Arlington High School. Members of this group are looking for support from the Arlington Historical Commission. Preservation of the lawn and facades of the Fusco House and columns and arches on the main building are the areas of concern. Suggestions and discussion followed to survey the building and to document this for the Town of Arlington and to add the Arlington High School to the Inventory. A motion was made by Commissioner Meister to create an Inventory form for Arlington High School and to write a letter to the Town as a notification of this action. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guthrie. All voted in favor of the motion.

**8:45pm Discussion:** Heather and Wojciech Sulayman regarding 38-40 Newcomb Street. Plans to renovate and repair balconies on the back of the house. Formal Hearing scheduled for 8:00pm on November 6, 2018.

Old Business:

New Business:

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The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:21pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be November 6, 2018 at 7:45pm.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.